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## European Commission approves €187 million to fight animal diseases in 2008

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**Report Highlights:**

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In a [press release](#)<sup>1</sup> of November 30, 2007, the European Commission (EC) announced the approval of a financial package of €186.57 million to eradicate, control and monitor animal diseases in 2008. This compares to the €193 million budgeted for 2007 (see GAIN [E36130](#)<sup>2</sup>). For the first time, for some diseases like rabies, multi-annual programs lasting from two to five years have also been approved in order to ensure a more efficient and effective achievement of the objectives of those programs. This is in line with the new Animal Health Strategy for the EU (2007-2013) (see GAIN [E47015](#)<sup>3</sup> and [E47096](#)<sup>4</sup>). The 197 annual or multi-annual programs which were selected for EU funding will tackle animal diseases that impact both human and animal health. This compares to the €193 million budgeted for 2007 (see GAIN [E36130](#)).

The detailed information on budgeted animal disease spending by Member states (MS) is available in [Commission Decision 2007/782/EC](#)<sup>5</sup>.

### **Animal disease eradication programs**

For the year 2008, 61 annual or multi-annual programs to eradicate 10 important animal diseases have been granted Community financial support. The total EU contribution for 2008 to these programs is €70,075,000. This budget increase from €52,997,000 in 2007 is mainly due to an increased allocation to counter Bluetongue disease in many MS.

Within this budget, diseases that are transmittable to humans are prioritized. Significant sums are being spent on the eradication of brucellosis, tuberculosis and rabies. Following the success of the programs in recent years, including the virtual eradication of rabies in the western part of the EU, most of the activity in 2008 will be focused towards the eastern MS with a budget of €13,847,000. Rabies is spread by infected wildlife and the programs aim at producing immunity in the wildlife by orally vaccinating them with baits containing vaccine.

### **Zoonoses control programs**

A financial contribution of €8,606,000 to control zoonotic salmonella in poultry (*Gallus gallus*) breeder flocks in 19 MS, as well as €21,330,000 in poultry laying hens flocks (first year), have been allocated for 2008. This tripling of the amount allocated for this disease in 2007 reflects the EU priority given to reducing the prevalence of salmonella in poultry.

### **Avian influenza surveillance**

MS will also continue surveillance for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds in 2008 with financial assistance from the EU for laboratory testing and sampling costs for wild birds. A budget of €4,344,000 will be available from the EU.

This surveillance is most effective to detect early outbreaks of both high and low pathogenic influenzas and was extremely useful in 2006 and 2007, allowing early detection of avian influenza in wild birds before commercial flocks became infected.

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<sup>1</sup>

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/07/1828&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200610/146249312.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200702/146280287.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200711/146292905.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> [http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/l\\_314/l\\_31420071201en00290039.pdf](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2007/l_314/l_31420071201en00290039.pdf)

### BSE/TSE monitoring and eradication programs

The EU BSE situation is improving year by year due to a good implementation of the monitoring and eradication programs in most MS. Nevertheless, a budget of €62,494,500 for the monitoring of TSEs is still available from the EU, down from € 88,463,000 in 2007. It includes financial support from the Community to carry out rapid tests for the detection of TSE in cattle, sheep, goats and deer and discriminatory tests to exclude BSE in small ruminants as in 2007. For BSE eradication, the EU will give €2.543.000 in co-funding in 2008, down from €5.400.000 in 2007, reflecting the continuing decline in BSE cases throughout Europe. The compulsory scrapie eradication measures require the culling and/or genotyping of animals in infected flocks. Breeding programs continue to be applied for TSE resistance in sheep. This year, €18,184,200 is being dedicated to scrapie eradication programs, down from €33,592,000 in 2007.

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